



# St. Alexander – Newsletter



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of the Notre Dame Catholic Family of Schools*

## **NOVEMBER 2024**

### **FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK**

#### **Called by Name: "Come, Follow Me"**

What does it mean when we "follow" someone on social media? When we do this we are saying we want to know more about them, to see how they live, how they act, what they say. But what we see on social media isn't always reality. It's often hidden behind filters, edits, and multiple takes. What if instead of "following" in this way, we choose to follow someone who only shows us what is real and what is true? Jesus is calling us to follow Him, to live our lives according to the Gospel and to share His love with those around us. So the question is, who will you choose to follow today?

We also approach an important time in our calendar year—a time set aside specifically to recall and acknowledge those who have devoted their careers and often their lives to protect the liberties and freedoms that we share in Canada. Let us never forget to honor those who fought nobly so our country could experience peace and justice and share it with the world. Let us also remember those who have devoted their careers and lives to protect this great country that we are lucky to call home.....Canada.

Sincerely,

Mr. M. Venzon



## **EARLY PROGRESS REPORTS**

It is time for Early Progress Reports. As outlined on our calendar, Early Progress Reports will be available to parents in the Parent Portal during the week of Monday, November 11<sup>th</sup>.

Parent / Teacher Conferences will be done in person at St. Alexander School on Tuesday, November 19<sup>th</sup> from 3:30-7:30pm. Please stay tuned for information that will be sent home for you to book your appointment time by using the School Appointments Online Program.

## **THANKSGIVING FOOD DRIVE**

The food that was collected during the Thanksgiving Food Drive went towards helping Pelham Cares assist families in our community. A big thank you goes out to all of you, the families of St. Alexander Catholic, for your generosity!!!

St. Alexander collected a total of 1,383 lbs of food for Pelham Cares!!!!

## **CHRISTMAS FUNDRAISER FOR ST. ALEXANDER**

Our St. Alexander Catholic School Council has organized a Christmas fundraiser through Dieleman.

Please help us raise money for technology and enjoy shopping online for gifts and Christmas items!

This fundraiser will begin on November 1, 2024, and your last day to shop online is November 16<sup>th</sup>.

On November 1<sup>st</sup>, you will receive a catalogue home with your child, which you can use to access the fundraiser (see the green form in with the catalogue).

Once you create an account, please make sure it mentions St. Alexander School and a percentage of your purchases will go towards our school, which will directly benefit our kids.

The profits we receive are 30% of all purchases made!

Please give us a call at the school if you have any questions about the fundraiser.

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## **\*DANCE-A-THON PLEDGES COLLECTED UNTIL NOVEMBER 5<sup>th</sup>!!!**

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## **# PROJECT PLAID – PATHSTONE MENTAL HEALTH CAMPAIGN**

### **THE MOVEMENT**

#ProjectPlaid will be celebrated in Niagara Catholic schools on **Thursday, November 28, 2024** to increase the conversation around mental health and well-being and to support programs at Pathstone Mental Health. We encourage you to work with your Child and Youth Worker and Mental Health Champion to create activities in your school focusing on mental health promotion.

**On Thursday, November 28, 2024 we encourage all students to:**

- 1) Wear PLAID
- 2) TALK & SHARE about Mental Health, In-Person, Text/Email, or on Social.
- 3) DONATE to the campaign



# CAN WE COUNT YOU IN?

Pathstone   
Mental Health

## #PROJECTPLAID 2024

Join our growing community of those going **PLAID** for Pathstone.

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## JOIN THE MOVEMENT

Contact [eventsepathstone.ca](http://eventsepathstone.ca) for more information.

## Head Lice

Students are now back into the swing of things and spending lots of time with friends and classmates during school and after school. Lice can spread regardless of a student's age. Head lice are spread by direct head-to-head contact or by sometimes sharing items like combs, brushes, hats, pillows, etc. Anyone can get head lice; it's not a sign of poor personal hygiene or an unclean environment.

Check out School Health's new webpage on head lice for more information: [Head Lice - Niagara Region, Ontario](#)

## EpiPen® and Auto-Injectors

During the school day, your child will be in contact with many staff members and other children, moving around to different locations inside and outside. Remember to check if your child's EpiPen® Auto-Injectors are up to date (not expired).

Check out [Food Allergy Canada - elementary school](#) for some great tips and [resources!](#)





**2024 SCHOOL YEAR**  
**INTERNATIONAL AND**  
**INDIGENOUS LANGUAGES**  
**ELEMENTARY ALL CLASSES IN PERSON**

**CLASSES START**  
**SEPT. 30, 2024**



*Study language,  
 cultural heritage, and traditions!*

**ST. ANN CENTRE**  
 5895 NORTH STREET  
 NIAGARA FALLS

**MONDAY**  
 5:30 PM TO 8 PM  
 • ARABIC  
 • HINDI • JAPANESE

**WEDNESDAY**  
 5:30 PM TO 8 PM  
 • IGBO • PUNJABI • URDU

**SATURDAY**  
 9:30 AM TO NOON  
 ITALIAN, SPANISH

**THURSDAY**  
 5:30 PM - 8:00 PM  
 (VIRTUAL)  
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**OUR LADY OF FATIMA**  
 69 OLIVE STREET  
 GRIMSBY

**SATURDAY**  
 9:30 AM TO NOON  
 • SPANISH • POLISH

**ST. JOHN CENTRE**  
 Adult Learning Centre  
 145 NIAGARA STREET  
 ST. CATHARINES

**FRIDAY**  
 5 PM TO 7:30 PM  
 • ARABIC • UKRAINIAN

**SATURDAY**  
 9:30 AM TO NOON  
 • ITALIAN • RUSSIAN  
 • SPANISH • NEPALI, YORUBA

- NOTES:**
- IILE Program is only available to students who are currently enrolled in Grades JK-8
  - Students must have an Ontario Education Number (OEN) to register for this program
  - Please wait for a call from the instructor



Register online at [www.niagaracontinuingeducation.ca](http://www.niagaracontinuingeducation.ca)  
 REGISTRATION IS AVAILABLE THROUGHOUT THE SCHOOL YEAR